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BRITISH GOVERNMENT TO ACT ON ARAB BOYCOTT OF "ZIONIST" GOODS, COLONIAL SECRETARY SAYS

LONDON, Feb. 13. (JTA) -- The British Government is planning to take action against the Arab League boycott of "Zionist" goods from Palestine, Colonial Secretary George Hall announced today in the House of Commons.

"The British Government as Mandatory Government for Palestine disapproves of any discriminatory measures instituted by foreign governments adversely affecting the welfare of the Palestinian population irrespective of race or religion," Hall said. "The British Government will take whatever steps they consider appropriate, should the interests of the inhabitants of Palestine prove to be so affected. Steps have been taken to inform the governments concerned of the British Government's view."

Replying to a question by Viscount Hinchinbrooke, Conservative, Hall said that the results of the boycott are "evil," and added: "This not only concerns my department, but also the Foreign Office. There is close contact between myself and the Foreign Secretary, and we will certainly deal with the matter."

JEWISH AGENCY WILL TESTIFY AT ANGLO-U.S. INQUIRY; CONGRESS TO BE HELD IN PALESTINE

JERUSALEM, Feb. 13. (JTA) -- The Jewish Agency has finally decided to appear before the Anglo-American Committee of Inquiry on Palestine, when it holds hearings here, next month, Moshe Shertok, political chief of the Jewish Agency, announced today, disclosing at the same time that the World Zionist Congress will be held in Palestine this summer.

Shertok spoke before the opening session of the Assefath Hanivcha'aim, the Jewish National Assembly, where he delivered a report on Zionist political activities in Washington, London, Jerusalem and the Middle East during the past few months. He also reported that the Palestine Government has assured the Agency that it will extend visas and other facilities to delegates planning to attend the Congress.

The Assembly was asked to approve a \$3,000,000 budget to finance the activities of the Jewish National Council for the current year, of which \$1,800,000 will be spent for education and \$800,000 for health and social welfare institutions. An expansion of the Council's activities was proposed by David Remez, its chairman, who urged the imposition of a one percent tax on every Jewish taxpayer to cover the additional costs. Remez also asked institution of a bonus system for mothers to increase the birth rate.

A demand that the Jewish community act to secure the return to Palestine of the deportees in Eritrea was placed before the Assembly by Rabbi Teburz, speaking on behalf of the families of the detainees. He also urged appointment of a committee to investigate conditions in the camp.

PROCEDURES ESTABLISHED FOR EMIGRATION OF JEWS FROM GERMANY TO UNITED STATES

FRANKFURT, Feb. 13. (JTA)--Procedures for the issuance of visas and transportation of displaced persons and refugees emigrating from camps and communities in Germany to the U.S. have been established by the immigration mission, which came here to carry out President Truman's Christmas directive facilitating the entrance of refugees under existing immigration laws, it was learned here today.

The group, headed by Ugo Carusi, U.S. Commissioner for Immigration and Naturalization, and Howard K. Travers, head of the State Department's visa division, announced that assembly centers would be established at Munich, Stuttgart, Frankfurt, Berlin, and an embarkation center will be set up at Bremen.

Consulates will be opened at Munich and Stuttgart this month, and at Frankfurt, Berlin, Bremen and Hamburg during March. Since Hamburg is in the British zone, the consulate there will handle only "non-quota" and "preference quota" cases.

Previous to the announcement of emigration procedures, the immigration committee held three meetings with representatives of the military government, UNRRA, HIAS, and other voluntary organizations.

ANGLO-AMERICAN SUB-COMMITTEE ENDS TOUR OF U.S. ZONE; EN ROUTE TO PRAGUE, VIENNA

NUREMBERG, Feb. 13. (JTA)--Bartley Crum and Sir Frederick Leggett, who, together with Judge Simon H. Rifkind, have been touring the U.S. zone of Germany as a sub-committee of the Anglo-American Committee of Inquiry on Palestine, have completed their survey in Germany, and are now en route to Prague, from where they will go to Vienna on Friday.

The last camp they visited was one at Furth, 50 miles from Nuremberg, where the 1,500 residents, most of them from Poland, repeated the now familiar demand that they want to go to Palestine. In fact, when the Furth DP's were polled on their preference of countries of emigration they listed Palestine as both first and second choices.

The sub-committee also visited a farm originally owned by Julius Streicher, which now houses 100 young Jews, who have established a "kibbutz" along the lines of the collective farms in Palestine, to which they wish to emigrate. The young farmers, most of whom are in their twenties, are raising pigs, cows, chickens and crops, and have taken over all the activities which had been carried on by Streicher's employees. Crum and Leggett tasted some of the cheese produced at the "kibbutz" and pronounced it excellent.

They also looked on interestedly while boys and girls performed the "Hora," and heard the dancers plead that they be allowed to dance it on the soil of Palestine. Voicing their wish to settle in Palestine, a spokesman said: "This is what we are preparing for now. This is where all our deepest hopes lie."

Yesterday, the sub-committee had an opportunity to see Streicher himself, when they attended the war crimes trial at the Palace of Justice here. They also saw a special showing of the atrocity films which are part of the prosecution evidence. Later Crum and Leggett were guests of Francis Biddle, U.S. member of the court.

In Prague, the sub-committee expects to speak with spokesmen of Jewish organizations. Their program has been arranged by the Czechoslovak Government, in cooperation with the American and British ambassadors. It is expected that the

other ten members of the committee who have been split into three groups, touring the British zone, French zone and Poland, respectively, will also be in Vienna this weekend.

While in Frankfurt, the sub-committee heard testimony by Ilya Djour, HIAS representative in Germany, who said that at best, a maximum of 15,000 Jews will be able to emigrate from Germany this year to places other than Palestine. Political consideration aside, he added, there is no other solution but to send the remainder to Palestine. "It is a shameful thing," Djour continued, "that the Big Three and all the United Nations together cannot find a solution to the problem of some 60,000 Jews."

To a question as to whether the Zionist youth movement was not organized after a Nazi pattern, Judge Rifkind replied: "Not at all. It is more like the Boy Scout movement."

#### Palestine Inquiry Group Meets in Berlin with Jewish Relief Aides

BERLIN, Feb. 13. (JTA) -- A sub-committee of the Anglo-American inquiry committee on Palestine, consisting of co-chairmen Judge Joseph Hutcheson and Sir John Singleton and Lord Morrison, met here today behind tightly shut doors, and heard testimony from representatives of the JDC and the British "Jewish Committee for Relief Abroad."

It is understood that the problem of the eastern European and German Jews now in Berlin was discussed. This afternoon, the committee members conferred with Brig. Gen. Stanley Mickelson, chief of the Displaced Persons Division of the Office of Military Government of the United States, and representatives of Army intelligence.

Hutcheson and Morrison toured the Dupel Camp here late yesterday, and heard two camp leaders explain that the Dupel inmates, most of whom fled from Poland, feel that Palestine is the only place where they can find security.

The sub-committee was shown the results of a poll taken at the camp, which indicated that an overwhelming number of persons wish to emigrate to Palestine.

The probers expressed puzzlement as to why the Dupel residents are regarded as "infiltrates," since they had returned to Poland and then fled, rather than as "displaced persons," who are assured more assistance than the "infiltrates" under present regulations.

The two committeemen refused to discuss their findings in the British zone, where they spent several days.

#### ERITREAN DEPORTEES FEAR TO APPEAR BEFORE BRITISH MILITARY COURT OF INQUIRY

JERUSALEM, Feb. 13. (JTA) -- Palestine Jews interned in the Eritrean detention camp, where two prisoners were killed last month in a disturbance, have refused to appear before a British military commission inquiring into the shootings, declaring that "our lives are endangered whenever we appear in the yard," it was learned here today.

Further details of the disturbance at the camp revealed that Sudanese troops fired upon the prisoners without provocation and without warning. Although English personnel attempted to administer first aid to the wounded, they were not able to do so, because of the tremendous confusion caused by the indiscriminate shooting.

JEWISH GROUPS FROM MANY COUNTRIES WILL GATHER IN LONDON TO DISCUSS FUTURE OF JEWS

LONDON, Feb. 13. (JTA) -- The Anglo-Jewish Association today announced that a number of Jewish communities in various parts of the world have accepted invitations to send delegates to a conference in London to examine the future of European Jewry. The conference has been arranged by the Anglo-Jewish Association in cooperation with the American Jewish Committee, and will open on Feb. 23.

The proceedings of the conference will be held in camera, the announcement said. Among the organizations attending will be the Board of Deputies of British Jews, the Alliance Israelite Universelle, the Central Representative Council of French Jewry, the Council of Australian Jewry, the Jewish Central Committee of Poland, the Jewish Consistory of Belgium, the Federation of Jewish Communities in Czechoslovakia, the Jewish Consistory of Bulgaria, as well as the Jewish communities of Rome, Stockholm, Budapest and Buenos Aires.

(In New York it was announced that the delegation of the American Jewish Committee will include Judge Joseph M. Proskauer, president; Jacob Blaustein, chairman of the executive committee; Edward A. Norman, vice-chairman of the foreign committee; and Dr. John Slawson, executive vice-president.)

The resolutions which the conference will adopt will not be binding on the bodies attending the gathering. A full exchange of views will take place among the delegations, which will also compare methods of fighting anti-Semitism with a view toward coordinating defense activities in the various countries. Other problems scheduled for discussion include rehabilitation of Jewish communal and cultural life in Europe, repatriation of Jewish refugees and indemnification for Jewish property confiscated and looted during the Nazi occupation of many European countries.

ANTI-JEWISH DEMONSTRATIONS IN BUDAPEST; CROWD CHEERS CONDEMNED NAZI WAR CRIMINALS

BUDAPEST, Feb. 13. (JTA) -- Anti-Jewish demonstrations broke out in the streets here today following services held by Archbishop Josef Mindszenty, primate of Hungary, in one of Budapest's churches.

Crowds coming out of the church cheered the Archbishop, and then cheered two of the men recently sentenced to death as war criminals -- Ferenc Szalasi, the Hungarian Nazi leader, and Bela Imredy, former Prime Minister. Later the crowds shouted anti-Jewish slogans and started anti-Semitic demonstrations.

Most of the demonstrators dispersed as soon as police arrived. Several were detained.

TRANSPORT OF 388 JEWISH IMMIGRANTS FROM BULGARIA ARRIVES IN PALESTINE

HAIFA, Feb. 13. (JTA) -- A transport of 388 Jewish immigrants from Bulgaria arrived here today aboard the Rumanian steamship Transylvania.

The master of the Enze Sereni, which brought 900 visaless immigrants into Palestine on Jan. 20, was acquitted today of violating the new defense regulations, when it was shown that the vessel was brought into Palestinian waters by a British destroyer and did not enter voluntarily. Police arrested the captain as an illegal immigrant, following the court's ruling.



U.S. JEWS WANT HIGHER STANDARD OF JEWISH EDUCATION; MARSHALL APPEALS TO JEWISH TEACHERS

NEW YORK, Feb. 13. (JTA) -- American Jews today want a higher standard of Jewish education, according to Dr. Israel S. Chipkin, executive director of the American Association for Jewish Education, who today made public his annual report.

Summarizing the Association's activities for 1945, Dr. Chipkin pointed out that the organization had made a "serious effort to raise the standards in Jewish education" by an accumulation and distribution of information concerning Jewish educational practices, and the publication of pamphlets and bulletins of scholarly, educational, and propaganda character. He also reported the creation of a research department, which eight months after its establishment, had already issued statistical bulletins, schedules for making community educational studies, and an over-all survey of Jewish education.

James Marshall, member of the New York City Board of Education, who recently returned from a tour of Europe, yesterday urged Jewish teachers to "go in person or give support to sending other teachers to Europe to help rebuild the spiritual and educational life of Jewish children remaining in continental Europe." Addressing the 17th annual luncheon of Jewish Teachers Association, Marshall declared that most of the Jewish orphans "are at loose ends, completely aimless, among demoralized adults," and warned that the morale of the children, most of whom are receiving no formal education, "may be irretrievably lost," during the years necessary to rehabilitate and educate them.

JWB FARMERS ENDORSE PLAN FOR FIRST AGRICULTURAL, TECHNICAL YESHIVA HIGH SCHOOL IN U.S.

NEW YORK, Feb. 13. (JTA) -- Plans for the establishment of an agricultural and technical Yeshiva High School, the first to be created in the U.S., were endorsed at an all-day conference here of Jewish farmers from New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and the New England area, according to an announcement by the board of secular education of the United Yeshivos.

JWB FLEDGES COOPERATION IN VETERANS HOUSING PROGRAM; WEIL, MONSKY TO AID YOUTH DRIVE

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13. (JTA) -- The full cooperation of 350 YMEAs, YWAs and Jewish community centers was pledged today by Frank Weil, president of the National Jewish Welfare Board, to housing expediter Wilson Wyatt in the execution of the veterans emergency housing program.

In a letter to Mr. Wyatt, Mr. Weil called the housing program partial payment "to those who carried the burdens of the war," and said that "a veteran, fully conscious of his country's gratitude and acknowledgment for services rendered, means a more dynamic and progressive democracy."

Weil and Henry Monsky, president of B'nai B'rith, have been elected to a Department of Justice advisory panel committee which will direct a national drive against juvenile delinquency, Attorney General Tom Clark announced yesterday.

TWO-DAY SOUTH CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CONFERENCE ON PALESTINE SPANS; LOWDERMILK TO SPEAK

HOUSTON, Feb. 13. (JTA) -- A two-day convention of the South Central Christian Conference on Palestine, featuring addresses by Dr. Walter C. Lowdermilk, U.S. Department of Agriculture expert, who evolved plans for the Jordan Valley project, opens here today. Senators Alben Barkley and Warren Magnuson, radio commentators Major George Fielding Elliot and Ian Macfarlane, and prominent educators and ministers will also be featured speakers.

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